

Church News.

Report From the Finance Committee.

In compliance with the actions of the late National Conference the work of collecting the delinquent apportionments has been started. We have received \$75.00 from the Pittsburgh congregation, balance of their apportionment in full. Brother Miller has started the work in Ohio. Up to this time we have received from the West Independence class, \$45.00; Williamstown, \$10.00. Brother G. W. Rench has also started the ball rolling in Indiana. Says Lapaz is all right. The money will be sent in to us soon. He says he feels hopeful that we will succeed. Now let us hear from other districts as well, and not let up until the apportionment amount is collected.

Your fraternally,

JOHN KEIM,
Sec. A. U. F. Com.

Report of Union Meeting.

Our Union Meeting at North Liberty was a good success and a blessing to those present. We, however, were sorry that so many that had promised to be present were absent for reasons unknown to us. The weather was very warm and disagreeable so that very fleshy and weakly people must be excused for not attending the meeting, but I was surprised to see what great multitude of people had gathered together to witness a "balloon ascension."

It cost the town \$45 to see a man perform about ten or fifteen minutes, while ascending in a balloon. One man paid \$10. It is a hard matter to get one man to pay ten dollars toward Ashland College. "If only church members" were as anxious to know everything that is going on in the church as worldly people are to know what little foolishness is going on around them, the Publishing House would have more to do and persons upon different committees would not need to talk so long to make matters satisfactory.

However, we appreciated the fine addresses which we heard at that meeting. Brethren Miller, Smith and Stoneburner responded with fine addresses almost amounting to good sermons, while Sister Worster and brother Marcus Witter responded with very excellent written addresses, both rendered with eloquence. We also had good singing out of Gospel Hymns and general discussion upon all subjects. North Liberty reported four accessions since our last union meeting which is held quarterly. Teagarden two accessions and South Bend one accession. It was not decided where the next union meeting will be, but it will probably be at West Union.

At 6:30 Brother Stoneburner preached for us. Subject, "The Power of the World." After the sermon we held our communion services. Many communed and I hope they were all as happy as I was. I don't believe I ever was as happy as I was that evening. How true is the Word. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

EMMA HOUSER, Sec'y.

California Campmeeting.

This meeting was held on the west side of the San Joaquin river, not far from the bridges, and a few miles southwest from Lathrop. The location was very pleasant. It opened on Sept. 2, and closed on the 12th, or rather with the worship on the morning of the 13th. The general attendance and the number of tents and campers were unusually large, and we had what was mostly regarded as an interesting, edifying and a very good meeting.

The ministers present who did the preaching were elders J. P. Wolfe and Martin Shively, of Lathrop, and brethren Jacob Shank and Wesley Weimer, of Chapparel. There were a few others there, but as they did not preach their names are not here given. Of those named, Brother Wolfe had the general oversight of the meeting, and Brother Shively did over two-thirds of the preaching, attended to the baptizing and conducted the communion services, all of which were well done. The other brethren named rendered satisfactory assistance in the preaching of the Word.

A number of persons, among whom sister Rubie Garrison, brethren Thomas Gibson and William Ronk were prominent, were faithful in conducting the musical and singing part of the services. The hymn books used were "Songs of the Soul" and "Finest of the Wheat," and the songs were well suited to the work and well sung. There were frequent social meetings for singing, testimonies and prayer. In these there was a general freedom manifested and they were interesting and they were calculated to encourage the Christian and to encourage others to come into the fold of Christ.

Our sympathy was extended to Brother Shively who had so much to do and who laboured so diligently, so faithfully to do his part of the work so well. It might be interesting to some to have a brief outline of the sermons preached, but both want of space and time forbid it, suffice it then to say that in the sermons and services the faith and practice of the brethren were fully and plainly presented. One interesting but somewhat unusual feature in the meetings was what was known as "The Query Box." This was a box that was

placed on the stand with a hearty invitation to all inquirers to prepare their queries and put them into the box, with the understanding that they should be answered in accordance with the word of God before the next sermon. This was attended to by Brother Shively in a very interesting manner. We recommend this practice to the brethren everywhere, as it gives those who are seeking for light an opportunity to find it, to remove objections and to encourage them to embrace salvation and the truth as it is in Jesus.

Another unusual entertaining, and it is to be hoped, profitable part of the meeting was the day allotted to the sisters, most of which was devoted to temperance and reform. In order to make this a success, in accordance with the custom of our sisters, they managed to obtain an able and popular assistant. Their helper was Mrs. St. John from Kansas. She manifested great sociability, and in her addresses she showed that she had given a great deal of thought to her subjects. Her audiences were large, well entertained and, we hope, greatly edified.

During the meeting there were four baptized and they seemed well satisfied and happy in the Lord.

In conclusion I wish to state that arrangements have been made with Brother Shively to hold a protracted meeting in our Brethren church nearly two miles south of Vernalis, to open on the evening of the 20th inst., and to continue for at least ten days. A cordial invitation is extended to all who can to meet with us and to encourage and help the good work.

Fraternally,

Vernalis, Calif. J. W. BEER.

Quicksburg, Va.

For the first time I will try and write something for your paper. It is a regular visitor to our home and we like its appearance very much and are always glad to receive it. If I only knew what to write, for it seems we can not do too much for the church of God.

Our minister, Mr. Shaffer, comes to see us regularly once a month and preaches us several good sermons which we enjoy very much, for it strengthens our faith and brings us to God. Our church is three-fourths of a mile from our town—just a good walk or drive. Our brethren and sisters are all very kind and try to help the good work along.

Mr. S. A. Wine is now getting up a singing class that we may have good singing. It may interest some one who may feel and see they are and have been sinning long enough, and that they are now ready to give up their sinful life and give their hearts to God. God grant some